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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUANDA 1577

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, EAID, MILI, AO

SUBJ: TIA INQUIRY RE MPLA WARNING

REF: LUANDA 1564 (NOTAL)

1. TIA REP DEREK RITZEN RECEIVED TELEX FROM HOME OFFICE INQUIRING RE MPLA WARNING OF INTENTION "SHOOT DOWN COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT". MESSAGE THAT MAC CONSIDERED MPLA WARNING TO BE IDLE THREAT BUT REQUESTED THAT RITZEN DISCUSS MATTER WITH STATE/AID OFFICERS AND ADVISE HOME OFFICE. AT OUR DIRECTION RITZEN DID NOT REPLY TO MESSAGE THROUGH TELEX, LUANDA. TIA OFFICE IN LONDON, APPARENTLY THINKING THAT RITZEN MAY NOT HAVE RECEIVED ORIGINAL MESSAGE, HAS NOW HAD IT REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES.

2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT OR MAC ADVISE TIA HOME OFFICE TO AVOID POLITICAL AND MILITARY TOPICS IN TELEX TRANSMISSIONS TO RITZEN. TELEX TRANSMISSIONS HAVE WIDE AUDIENCE HERE (LOCAL TAP  
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MANAGER KNEW OF MESSAGE EVEN BEFORE RITZEN) AND UNDER PRESENT

CIRCUMSTANCES THOSE THAT TOUCH UPON POLITICAL OR MILITARY  
TOPICS COULD RAISE SUSPICIONS OF MPLA CONCERNING RECIPIENTS'  
REAL MISSION IN LUANDA. TIA HOME OFFICE SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT  
WE HAVE VERY MUCH IN MIND SAFETY US AIRCRAFT AND CREWS AND WE  
WILL MAKE ALL CONCERNED AWARE IF ANY THREAT TO EITHER  
MATERIALIZES OR IF GENERAL SITUATION DETERIORATES TO POINT  
AT WHICH THEY CANNOT SAFELY OPERATE IN LUANDA.  
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